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PADDLERS HUNT FOR GLORY

Jaqueline Dunn of Banook wins her heat in the midget women's C1 200 metres on the opening day of the Canadian Sprint Canoe-Kayak Championships on Lake Banook on Wednesday. The championships run through Saturday and include several Olympians from the London Games. More coverage, page 4. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Warm days here to stay

Looking ahead to fall.

But this 'excruciatingly dry' weather is bad news for farmers

August record

- The average maximum temperature in Halifax for August to date is 25.8 C. The normal is 23.3 C.

The country's top forecaster says a picture-perfect summer will soon give way to a picture-perfect fall.

Environment Canada senior climatologist Dave Phillips says the forecast for September through November calls for warmer temperatures than usual, but normal precipitation levels.

"I don't think it's Indian summer, it's just more summer," said Phillips. "It's very consistent. It's almost boring, in a way."

In Halifax, Phillips says temperatures from March 1 to Aug. 22 have been consistently above normal while rainfall has reached roughly 60 per cent of normal levels.

The news is worse in the Annapolis Valley, where Phillips says the "excruciatingly dry" summer is the hottest and driest in recorded history. Just over 282 millimetres of precipitation were recorded from March 1 to Aug. 22, compared to the normal 520 millimetres.

There have also been about double the number of days in which the temperature exceeded 28 C.

"It's really a double whammy," said Phillips. "It's been very dry and extremely warm, so the atmosphere is really sucking every bead of moisture it can find."

Farmers in the Annapolis Valley have struggled with drought conditions all summer, and the concern is now shifting to the autumn harvest.

"The fall harvest is, on some things, for sure a question mark," said Josh Oulton of TapRoot Farms. "There are some root vegetables out there that are suffering and those early apples that everyone likes, we're getting a bit concerned about."

Phillips says next year's growing season will also be affected if precipitation levels remain low through the fall and winter.

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Stricter rules for contracts urged in legal-department review

Cash-for-concerts scandal. Review conducted for HRM after auditor general's scathing report



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Rules surrounding the approval of contracts should be tightened and the amount of work farmed out to external lawyers should be reduced, an external review of the municipality's legal system says.

The review, recommended in the wake of auditor general Larry Munroe's damning report on the concert-cash scandal, makes 88 recommendations on a number of themes.

Revisions to HRM's contracting policies form one of the meatiest sections, with 18 suggestions.

It recommends Legal Services develop a series of "standardized" contract forms "for the various types of contracts and agreements regularly used." Municipal departments

Quoted

"The raised awareness as a result of (Larry Munroe's) report ... I think has made everybody more aware of possible issues that can arise."

Marian Tyson, HRM's acting Legal Services director

would be required to consult legal staff only when they believe a contract doesn't fit the standard forms, or when a contract exceeds \$1 million.

Marian Tyson, acting Legal Services director, said Wednesday she accepts the substance of the recommendations.

"We are in the process of working with the other departments now to put a policy in place around how we can accomplish that," Tyson said. "We're going to standardize to the extent (that is) reasonable and possible."

The review also suggests more staff should be hired at Legal Services, but recommends its budget not be expanded. In-



The Black Eyed Peas perform on the Halifax Common in 2010. METRO FILE

stead, the review says new lawyers can be paid for by cutting down on the \$600,000 a year that HRM spends on outside legal advice.

As to whether these reforms would have prevented Mayor Peter Kelly and senior HRM staff from improperly advancing thousands of dollars

to promoter Harold MacKay, Tyson said: "Some of the problems arose because agreements did not come to Legal Services. So putting those processes in place hopefully would ensure that the contracts that should go through Legal Services do so."

Legal Services approved the

contracts between the municipality and MacKay, but Munroe found one contract had been changed after the department signed off on it. Legal Services brought up issues relating to the concerts in 2009, but still approved the advances for the Black Eyed Peas and Alan Jackson concerts the following year.

Bring your own nappies, IWK tells parents



The IWK Health Centre METRO FILE

The IWK Health Centre is asking parents to bring their own diapers for their children in an effort to cut hospital costs.

"(We're) looking for as many ways as we can find to reduce our costs but not affect patient care," Jocelyn Vine, vice-president of patient care at the IWK, said on Wednesday. "The way we're implementing this is really, basically, to ask for the co-operation of patients and families wherever possible to help us save some money."

Vine acknowledged the move will likely see some

It all adds up
\$60K

The amount the IWK Health Centre spends on diapers for patients every year.

pushback from parents. But in a time of belt-tightening across the province's district health authorities, Vine said the hospital is looking for "creative" ways to cut costs.

"As responsible stewards of our taxpayers' resources,

we want to do the best we can with the funding we're provided," she said. "It's not an unusual practice. It is something that is done in other sectors.... It's not totally unusual by any means."

The request is optional, Vine added, and administrators realize some families will not be able to comply.

"We're hoping patients and families will get on board with us wherever possible," Vine said. "In some cases it's not possible, and we understand that." ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

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Life's 'pretty crazy' for local Olympian Mark de Jonge

Kayaker. Haligonian won bronze medal at the London Games

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Life hasn't slowed down for a second for Olympic bronze medallist Mark de Jonge since he has returned home from London.

This weekend will be no different.

De Jonge and the Canadian Olympic paddling team gathered on the sun-soaked shores of Lake Banook in Dartmouth to kick off the four-day Canadian sprint, canoe and kayak championships Wednesday.

When de Jonge, who is from Halifax, came home an Olympic medallist, he didn't realize he'd get as much attention as he's received.

"I never thought in my wildest dreams this kind of stuff would happen. It's been pretty crazy," he said.

Since the big welcome at the airport, de Jonge has been

as busy as ever with numerous appearances and photo shoots. He even received a standing ovation at the final game of the Canada-Russia Challenge hockey series at the Metro Centre.

With his life so hectic, de Jonge has barely been in his boat since returning from London. But while he will do his best to win, this weekend is not a do-or-die situation, he said.

"I want some good results and do my best, but the biggest thing for me is having a good time and being able to race with clubmates, but I'm going to try and win the K1-200," he said.

As for his future beyond this weekend, de Jonge hasn't had too much time to think about it, but said the feeling coming back from London has really motivated him for the 2016 Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro.

"Four years from now is driving my decision. I now know what to expect now and it's a great feeling and I think I have a pretty good future ahead of me in the sport."

For the kids

Van Koeverden hopes to inspire

Adam van Koeverden always looked up to national team paddlers when he was growing up.

Now the 30-year-old from Burlington, Ont., hopes to be a role model for a new generation of young paddlers. Van Koeverden claimed silver in the K1-1,000 in London, his fourth Olympic medal overall, including a gold in 2004. He hopes the medals inspire young people to get into the sport.

"It gives kids a lot to look forward to knowing we are in the same system they are," said van Koeverden, who is competing at nationals this week. "I always looked up to those on the national team and wanted to be like them and this provides them with an attainable goal." **METRO**



Olympians Hugues Fournel of Lachine, Que., left, Mark de Jonge of Halifax and Dartmouth's Jason McCoombs pose for photos after the opening ceremonies of the Canadian Sprint Canoe-Kayak Championships on Lake Banook in Dartmouth on Wednesday. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

Construction stalls opening of bridge terminal



Workers make progress on the Metro Transit bridge terminal in Dartmouth. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

The official opening of the highly anticipated new Metro Transit bridge terminal has been delayed for three weeks.

The \$14.7-million facility will be operational in terms of bus routes, but HRM's manager of facility development says the interior needs some finishing touches.

"We don't want to put the public in a situation where we are using the buses at the new terminal, but don't have the inside finished," said Terry Gallagher.

"We don't want to start this off with frustrated travelers."

A release from HRM says the general contractor will have construction finished in the next two weeks, leaving time to test building systems, install furniture, and orient bus operators.

The delay means the Go-Time service will revert to scheduled times from Aug. 27 until Sept. 17.

Several other transit changes take effect as scheduled on

Monday, including the launch of HRM's first high-frequency transit corridor, between Portland Hills terminal and the bridge terminal.

A new Park & Ride lot will open for passengers of the MetroX 330 Tantallon/Sheldrake Lake route, and several bus routes will be adjusted, thanks to the elimination of Route 3 and the reinstatement of routes 41 and 42. Community bus service is also being integrated with regular bus service. **RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO**

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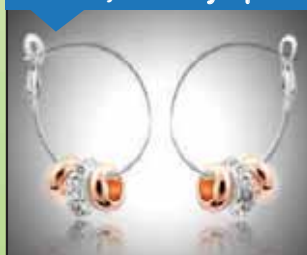
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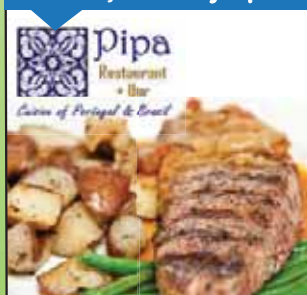
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N.S. Power. Utility wants audit details held back

Nova Scotia Power says information redacted in an audit alleging that it overcharged customers \$22 million shouldn't be released, because it's defamatory, would violate the privacy of employees and break contractual confidentiality.

The private utility company filed an affidavit Tuesday with the province's Utility and Review Board that explains why it believes more information in the audit should remain blacked out.

The audit conducted by the Liberty Consulting Group, released in July, said Nova Scotia Power owes its customers a refund because it paid too much

Quoted

"As long as that information is blacked out, there's no way any of us can tell if that concern has any validity or not."

Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie

for fuel over the past two years. But the company disputes the audit's conclusions.

Progressive Conservative Leader Jamie Baillie said he believes that argument is weak.

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RCMP. SIRT investigating Indian Brook incident

The provincial team that investigates serious incidents involving police is looking into a case in Indian Brook.

Two RCMP officers pulled a vehicle over on Brown Flats Road around 6 p.m. Aug. 18. A female passenger was arrested for assault related to an earlier incident, and the male driver was arrested for impaired driving.

As the officers were arresting the second female passenger for public intoxication, they noticed her arm was hurt.

The RCMP referred the incident to the Serious Incident Response Team for follow up.

The SIRT is asking anyone who saw the traffic stop to call 424-2010.

RUTH DAVENPORT/FOR METRO



Swimmers take to the harbour in United effort

Nova Scotia senior deputy minister David Darrow, left, and Kevin Doran, Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal webmaster, swim across the Halifax Harbour on Wednesday afternoon. The pair were raising money for the United Way. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Cape Breton

Stranded ship one step closer to removal: Company

After more than a month of delay, the latest obstacle in the dismantling of a ship stranded off Cape Breton for almost a

year has been cleared.

Abe Shah, a senior partner for the company in charge of dismantling the MV Miner, said Wednesday that a pre-demolition site survey of the shipwreck was carried out Monday.

Shah, of the New York-based Bennington Group, said the survey was needed

for insurance purposes, but getting both the provincial and federal governments to sign off on pre-existing environmental conditions was a challenge.

He said the removal of the ship can begin once he has results of the survey.

The vessel ran aground on Scaterie Island on Sept. 20,

2011, while being towed to a scrapyard in Turkey.

Removal of the 230-metre bulk carrier was expected to start last week after more than a month of delays.

The Bennington Group's provincial authority to remove the ship is set to expire at the end of the month.

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Cops ask for help in ID'ing gas-theft suspect

Petro Canada. Man described by police as being in his 20s, with a thin build and wearing a cap and sunglasses



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Halifax police are asking the public to help identify a man

they say stole gas twice from the same station.

The thefts happened at the Kearney Lake Road Petro Canada on Aug. 10 and 18. In both cases, a man driving a dark-coloured Pontiac four-door sedan with a tinted rear window and no licence plate filled his tank and then took off.

On Wednesday, police released surveillance camera images of the man at the station pumping gas. He's

described as being in his 20s with a thin build, wearing a dark baseball cap and sunglasses each time.

"We do receive a fair number of thefts of gas from across HRM, but every now and then there are cases that stand out," said police spokesman Const. Brian Palmetter as to why they took the step of releasing the man's image. "In this case we put the same individual at the same gas station at the same pump, driv-

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ing the same car, doing the same thing."

Palmetter estimates there are between 60 and 70 thefts from gas stations in the Hali-



A surveillance image of the suspect pumping gas. HANDOUT

fax area each month, the bulk of which come from people pumping gas and not paying for it.

In some cases, it can come down to the person simply forgetting to pay, but Palmetter doesn't believe that's the case here.

"The evidence seems to suggest that he's well aware of what he's doing, given the fact there's no licence plate on the car and he has sunglasses on."

Truro. Truck driver charged with criminal negligence after accident that left one man dead

A 61-year-old Lantz truck driver has been charged with criminal negligence causing death after an accident on the Cobequid Pass in January left a New Brunswick man dead.

Albert Merle Fleet appeared in Truro provincial court on Thursday.

Fleet's election and plea was adjourned until Oct. 3 in order to give him time to consult with legal counsel.

Sixty-one-year-old Grant Donnell of Dieppe, N.B., was killed Jan. 24 following a crash involving two tractor-trailers on Highway 104 about two kilometres from the highway's toll plaza.

The RCMP said one truck was pulled off onto the shoulder of the westbound

In brief

Sixty-one-year-old Grant Donnell of New Brunswick was killed on Jan. 24

- The crash involved two tractor-trailers on Highway 104.
- RCMP said one truck was off on the shoulder when it was struck by the other truck.
- Weather conditions were reported as poor.

highway when it was struck by a second truck in poor weather conditions.

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Stolen vehicles

Don't leave your keys in car: Halifax police

Halifax Regional Police are, once again, reminding people that leaving car keys in a car is a great way to get the car stolen.

Thieves broke into three cars in the Spryfield area earlier this month, found the keys inside, and then took off with the vehicles.

In a fourth case, the thieves weren't able to complete the getaway.

A 14-year-old boy was arrested Aug. 16 and now faces 18 charges including trespassing, theft of a motor vehicle, possession of stolen property and property damage.

Police say it's a bad idea to keep anything of value in your vehicle, especially the keys to that car — or to another car parked nearby. METRO

RCMP

Woman missing from Hammonds Plains area found safe, in good condition

A 21-year-old woman reported missing in the Hammonds Plains area on Tuesday night has been located.

Halifax RCMP Cpl. John Stoddart says the woman was found safe and in good condition following a short ground search Wednesday morning in the Kingswood area.

There are no other details on what led to the report that the woman was missing, although police say Leanne Lessard was not familiar with the area.

She had been last seen around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. The search was mainly conducted in an area near a logging road.

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Tampa. Hurricane could strike site of Republican convention: Forecasts

Tropical Storm Isaac is posing a potential threat to next week's Republican National Convention in Florida, which culminates in the nomination of Mitt Romney for president.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center on Wednesday morning said Isaac was expected to strengthen and could become a hurricane by Thursday.

Convention organizers knew it was a possibility during the peak of hurricane season. About 70,000 delegates, party officials, journalists, protesters and others are expected to attend.

It's been 90 years since a major hurricane made a direct hit on Tampa, the site of the convention. Florida, historically the nation's top target for tropical systems, has not been hit by a major hurricane since Wilma in 2005.

National Hurricane Center computer models had predicted Isaac would become a hurricane over the next few days, meaning maximum winds must be at least 120 km/h. Some models had the storm striking Florida, including the Tampa Bay area, after moving across Cuba or the Ba-

Just in case

- Republican and state officials have backup plans in place if the storm makes its way to Tampa, including an evacuation in a worst-case scenario.
- A four-day mock hurricane drill was held in May featuring a pretend major storm striking the Tampa area during the second day of the convention. Under that scenario, planners cancelled.

hamas as early as Sunday morning.

Jeff Masters, director of meteorology at Weatherunderground.com, said long-range storm track predictions five days in advance are notoriously inaccurate, often off an average of 418 kilometres. But Masters said the climate situation has improved chances that Florida could be in the system's sights during the Republican event that runs Monday through Thursday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Obama, Romney deadlocked in new poll

U.S. President Barack Obama closes his umbrella as he boards Air Force One before his departure from Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas on Wednesday. A new AP-GfK poll shows Obama and Mitt Romney locked in a statistical tie, despite the Republican challenger's recent choice of conservative Rep. Paul Ryan as his running mate. With less than three months remaining before the Nov. 6 election, 47 per cent of registered voters said they planned to back Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden, while 46 per cent favoured Romney and Ryan. That's not much changed from a June AP-GfK survey, when the split was 47 per cent for the president to 44 per cent for Romney. **DAVID BECKER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Facebook

Probation given for online threats against Obama

A Florida man has been sentenced to three years' probation for posting threats against U.S. President Barack Obama on Facebook in February. U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke ruled Wednesday that Joaquin Serrapio, 21, had acted wrongly but there was no evidence he intended to carry out the threats. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Rape controversy

Ryan urged Akin to drop out of race

The U.S. congressman under fire for making comments about "legitimate rape" and pregnancy said Wednesday that Republican presidential challenger Mitt Romney's running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan, personally pleaded with him to leave a crucial Missouri Senate race, but the advice went nowhere. Rep. Todd Akin insisted he's in the race to stay, saying "this is not about my ego." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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The late nun Dorothy Stang, of Ohio, gestures in Para's legislature in 2004 as she is declared "honorary citizen" in Belem, Brazil. CARLOS SILVA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alleged planner of nun's murder set free in Brazil

Rainforest activism.

Rancher was convicted in 2010 of ordering U.S. woman's death

Brazil's Supreme Court has ordered the release of an Amazon rancher charged with being one of the masterminds of the 2005 killing of American nun and activist Dorothy Stang.

The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday night that Regivaldo Galvao has the right to remain free pending the outcome of

his appeal process.

In 2010, a jury found Regivaldo Galvao guilty of ordering Stang's death and sentenced him to 30 years in jail. But he was freed on appeal.

He was imprisoned one year later after a Para state court ruled that he had to start serving his sentence before his appeal process had run its course.

Galvao was expected to be released later Wednesday.

Also convicted of ordering Stang's murder is Vitalmiro Moura, who is serving a 30-year jail term. Two other men charged with taking part in her

killing are also in jail. Another one is at large.

Stang was born in Dayton, Ohio, and spent three decades trying to preserve the rain forest and defending the rights of poor settlers who confronted powerful ranchers seeking their lands in the Amazon's wild frontier. The northern Brazilian state of Para, where Stang was gunned down with six, close-range shots from a revolver, is notorious for land-related violence, contract killings, slave-like labour conditions and environmental destruction. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Fight over lucrative land

- In Brazil, killings over land are common and seldom punished, as powerful landowners clash with farmers and others for control of lucrative farming and logging land.
- According to the watchdog group Catholic Land Pastoral, more than 1,150 rural activists have been slain in Brazil over the past 20 years.

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What's in that feedbag?

Israel. Biblical park outfits donkeys with wireless routers

It was nothing like this 3,000 years ago.

An Israeli attraction meant to immerse tourists in an authentic, ancient biblical experience has outfitted its donkeys with wireless routers.

At the historical park of Kfar Kedem in northern Israel, visitors decked out in biblical robes and headdresses ride donkeys through the rolling hills of the Galilee, learning how people lived in Old Testament times.

Now they can also surf the web while touring the land of the Bible on one of

the oldest forms of transportation. A device slung around the donkey's neck like a feedbag is actually a Wi-Fi router.

The park's manager, Menachem Goldberg, said Wednesday he hopes the melding of old and new will connect the younger generation to ancient Galilee life while allowing them to share, tweet and snap the experience instantly to friends. He played down the notion that 21st-century tourists have grown addicted to being online at all times.

"You take some pictures, you want to change your picture on Facebook — you can do it," Goldberg said.

Visitor Peter Scherr accessed the Internet while touring the Galilee hills to do some donkey fact-finding with his family.

"It has been used as a working animal for 5,000 years," said the New York native, reading from a Wikipedia page on his iPad.

"There are more than 40 million donkeys in the world. That's a lot of donkeys!"

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American tourist Ella uses an iPad while riding a Wi-Fi-outfitted donkey led by her brother Aaron, in Kfar Kedem, a biblical reenactment park in the Galilee, northern Israel, on Wednesday. ARIEL SCHALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Animal news



Bao Bao THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One of world's oldest giant pandas dies at 34

The Berlin zoo says Bao Bao, who was given to West Germany by China in 1980 and was one of the world's oldest giant pandas, has died. The zoo said the 34-year-old bear died early Wednesday in his enclosure after his health deteriorated over the last several months.

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Disappearing act

A well-known biologist in Newfoundland and Labrador says gannets who should be nesting at Cape St. Mary's have abandoned their chicks for cooler waters. Guides at the popular bird sanctuary noticed the phenomenon earlier this month when the seabirds suddenly disappeared.

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Chinese activists return home

Disputed land.

Homecoming isn't likely to end feud; Chinese have vowed to make another attempt to occupy islands

Hong Kong gave a hero's welcome Wednesday to activists who landed on disputed islands and whose video of their scuffles with Japanese police will likely aggravate nationalist tensions further.

The seven activists were part of a 14-person group that managed to evade the Japanese Coast Guard in a rusty fishing boat to reach the islands a week ago. The group included two reporters from Phoenix TV, which broadcast video for the first time of the activists' desperate confrontation with Japanese officers as they landed on the barren islands.

Known as Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China,

the islands are surrounded by rich fishing grounds and may also be near underwater natural-gas deposits. They're controlled by Japan but also claimed by China and Taiwan.

In the video, six of the activists are seen clambering over the rocky shoreline. The group wades ashore, advancing toward several dozen Japanese police officers wearing riot gear. One of them waves China's national flag as the officers watch. But as they try to go further, the police block the way. Two of them make a run for it but are tackled by the officers.

The whole group was arrested and quickly expelled from Japan in a move seen as an attempt to soothe tensions. But anti-Japan sentiment flared up anyway in China, where thousands protested last weekend in 10 cities, with some carrying banners demanding Japan give up the islands.

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Chinese activist Henry Wong Fahman, centre, shakes hands with supporters on arrival in Hong Kong Wednesday. A group of Hong Kong activists deported from Japan after landing on disputed islands in the East China Sea returned home in their fishing boat to a hero's welcome. KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News agency denies spying claims after journo quits



Xinhua Ottawa bureau chief Dacheng Zhang takes video footage on Wednesday during an announcement by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in the Northwest Territories. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Canadian journalist says he quit working for China's news agency because it wanted him to spy on the Dalai Lama in Ottawa.

But the Ottawa bureau chief of China's Xinhua news agency dismissed that claim as "Cold War" ideology.

Ottawa-based freelance journalist and author Mark Bourrie makes the allegation against the Xinhua news service in an article published in Ottawa Magazine, and in an interview with The Canadian Press.

The matter will likely re-

vive debate around the long-standing issue of whether Xinhua is an intelligence-gathering front for the Chinese government instead of a legitimate news service.

Bourrie, 55, said he resigned in April after working for two years for Xinhua in Ottawa because its Ottawa bureau chief, Dacheng Zhang, wanted him to use his parliamentary press pass to gain access to the Dalai Lama's final news conference, and turn over all notes and materials without writing a story.

Bourrie says the agency col-

lected hours of video and other notes of the Dalai Lama's most recent trip to Ottawa on April 27 and 28, but it wasn't interested in publishing a story on the Tibetan spiritual leader. The Chinese government considers the Dalai Lama to be its enemy.

Zhang, who is currently travelling with other Canadian journalists on Prime Minister Stephen Harper's annual tour of the Arctic, denied Bourrie's claim on Wednesday.

Zhang told The Canadian Press that Xinhua's policy is to "cover public events by public

means" and his bureau's job is to cover news events and file the stories to Xinhua's editing rooms. It is up to them to decide how and what to publish, Zhang said, calling those decisions internal matters.

Bourrie said that Xinhua's journalistic access to Parliament Hill and other Ottawa events should be reviewed by the parliamentary press gallery because the credentials it has issued are being used to gather information for a foreign government, not solely for media reports.

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Love shines for Layton — but politics peek in

One year later. Peace Tower crowd told Jack's message would be: Roll up those sleeves ... start making a difference

Love and politics do mix, it was clear Wednesday.

There was an unapologetically partisan bite to the message of love, hope and optimism as Jack Layton was remembered on Parliament Hill.

A year after his death, the former NDP leader's political causes were front and centre as a small crowd gathered under the shadow of the Peace Tower.

They had come to honour the man who led the party to an electoral breakthrough.

"I miss him dearly, but he would be telling us all right now to roll up those sleeves, get to work and get moving with making a difference," NDP MP Paul Dewar told the Layton admirers.

Dewar then listed some NDP priorities — starting with restoring full health-care coverage to refugee claimants.

"It's a shame that the Conservatives have cut it," Dewar said.

Did the raw politics taint the occasion?

Not according to Dewar. "The way to commemorate Jack is to get on with the work," said the Ottawa MP.

Still, the message of love was strong.

A young woman held a simple orange sign emblazoned with the word "Love," while the Dominion carillon-neur played John Lennon's song Imagine in the Peace Tower.

A small Layton photo was placed next to orange flowers and a bottle of Orange Crush — the nickname given the NDP's electoral sweep in Quebec in May 2011.



Jack Layton is remembered in chalk on a memorial wall in Toronto on Wednesday. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Meanwhile, love shone brightly as events were staged across Canada to mark Layton's death from cancer last August at age 61.

Picnics and pub nights were being held from Smithers, B.C., to Charlottetown.

But by far the largest of those events was held in Toronto, where Layton served as a high-profile city council-

lor before moving to federal politics in 2003.

By Wednesday afternoon, admirers had honoured Layton's memory with colourful tributes scrawled in chalk outside Toronto's city hall — a more restrained version of the mural that plastered the grounds after his death last summer.

Kenn Bell carefully print-

Quoted

"Jack was somebody who not only shook a person's hand but pulled them in for a hug and bothered to have a conversation. He was really about connecting with people. And today that's what he would be doing if he was here."

Andrea Horwath,
Ontario NDP leader.

ed the words "The future is bright" in vivid orange and white block letters, using the New Democrats' trademark colours.

Layton's wife, Toronto NDP MP Olivia Chow, said she was touched by the hundreds of people, including Canadian musicians, actors and politicians, who came out to celebrate her late husband's life.

"Jack would've loved this," she said to the cheering crowd, many of whom were wearing orange, the colour of the NDP.

"Wow, he would have."

Chow added the words "alive in our hearts" to the growing chalk tribute, which had spread across the square.

She said her husband believed in the goodness in people, social justice, and the ability to make the world a better place.

Chow urged the crowd to carry on his causes.

"He said in his final letters to all of us, 'I believe in you,'" she said.

"He called on all of us to pick up his torch and I know in my heart, that you have and you will."

Layton's son, Toronto city councillor Mike Layton, also said his father would've wanted people to stop grieving and start getting involved in his vision.

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Harper's haven? New park mixes tranquillity, trade

A vast tract of mountainous Northwest Territories terrain was christened Wednesday as a new national park.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper billed it as striking a balance between protecting the environment and growing Canada's economy.

The original Naats'ihch'oh reserve proposal was to protect 7,600 square kilo-

metres from commercial activity.

But the final decision instead sets aside just over 4,300 square kilometres of lakes and mountains.

The remainder of the territory has potential for mineral development, which is why it was left out of the final plan.

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21 drivers charged

Rubberneckers on the 401 get a cellphone shock

Ontario Provincial Police have charged 21 drivers for rubbernecking on Highway 401.

Officers attending a collision involving two tractor-trailers in Napanee, Ont., noticed numerous drivers using their hand-held

devices to take photos of the wreckage as they drove past.

The drivers caught were charged with distracted driving, which carries a \$155 fine.

Another driver spotted using his elbows to steer his car was charged with careless driving, police said.

The OPP says a driver sending a text while driving at highway speed travels the length of a football field without looking at the road.

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Right-to-die advocate's 'living nightmare' ends

Euthanasia debate.

Tony Nicklinson's death from pneumonia comes a week after British court rejected his right-to-die request

Tony Nicklinson, paralyzed and unable to speak, found life so unbearable he wanted to die. On Wednesday, the 58-year-old Briton got his wish.

His family said he died at home of pneumonia.

In January, Nicklinson asked the High Court to declare that any doctor who killed him with his consent would not be charged with murder. Last week, the court rejected his request, a decision that Nicklinson said had left him "devastated



Tony Nicklinson
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and heartbroken."

Nicklinson was a former corporate manager and rugby player who suffered a stroke in 2005 that left him with locked-in syndrome. He was unable to speak or move below his neck and required constant care. Nicklinson communicated mostly by blinking, although his mind had remained unaffected

and his condition was not terminal.

Nicklinson had argued that British law violated his right to "private and family life" as guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights, on the ground that being able to choose how to die is a matter of personal autonomy. He had previously described his life as "a living nightmare."

One of his daughters said on Twitter that before he died, Nicklinson had asked them to tweet "Goodbye world the time has come, I had some fun."

Police said they would not be investigating Nicklinson's death. "We can confirm he passed away," a police spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity. "His death certificate has been signed by a doctor, so it is not a matter for Wiltshire Police or the coroner." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sacred moment in strife-torn Syria

An elderly Syrian man offers prayers in a mosque in Kafar Hamra, on the outskirts of Aleppo, Syria, on Wednesday. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

German circumcision debate reignites

Jewish groups increased pressure on the German government Wednesday to speed up the passage of new legislation protecting the practice of ritual circumcision after a doctor filed a complaint with prosecutors accusing a rabbi of causing a child bodily harm.

A debate in Germany over the Jewish and Muslim practice of ritual circumcision started after a regional court in Cologne ruled in June that the practice amounted to

causing criminal bodily harm to a child.

It calmed after the German government pledged to draft new legislation protecting the practice, but flared again this week after a doctor filed the latest complaint with prosecutors in the southern city of Hof.

Even though any German can file such a complaint and it is then up to prosecutors to decide whether to press charges, the Conference of European Rabbis said the

Defending Jewish ritual

The Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles pledged "all necessary and legal backing" to defend the practice of ritual circumcision of young boys, which is central to the Jewish faith.

legal move showed the need for "immediate action" from lawmakers in Berlin.

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Protesters demonstrate outside the court in Ventersdorp, South Africa, on Wednesday at the sentencing of the killer of right-wing leader Eugene Terreblanche. Chris Mahlangu was given a life sentence for the 2010 murder of Terreblanche. DENIS FARRELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Farmworker gets life sentence for killing white supremacist

South Africa. White protesters oppose Mahlangu supporters outside courtroom

A black farmworker was sentenced to life in prison Wednesday for the brutal murder of South African white-supremacist leader Eugene Terreblanche in a case that has been a source of racial tension in the city of Ventersdorp.

About 100 protesters sang anti-white songs outside the courtroom in the city just west of Johannesburg to support 30-year-old Chris Mahlangu,

who had pleaded guilty but argued that he acted in self-defence in what the judge found was a violent dispute over wages.

They were opposed by 20 white protesters who carried the dummy of a black man with a rope around his neck and a sign that said: "Hang Mahlangu."

As Mahlangu was leaving the court, the protesters tied the effigy to a pick-up truck and drove around the black crowd.

Mahlangu was found guilty for beating Terreblanche, 69, to death with an iron in April 2010. Mahlangu said he feels he did no wrong by ridding the world of a man some called

The second man

A second man, Patrick Ndlovu, who was a teenager at the time of the killing two years ago, was sentenced to a two-year prison sentence which means he goes free.

- Ndlovu was found guilty of breaking and entering with intent to steal.

a monster. The judge had rejected a defence argument that Mahlangu had been sodomized by Terreblanche and acted in self-defence. Mahlangu also claimed that Terreblanche in-

fected him with HIV.

Zola Majavu, Mahlangu's lawyer, said on Wednesday that they are planning to appeal both the court's findings and the sentence.

After the sentencing, the Young Communist League of South Africa released a statement calling the judgment racially biased.

"Eugene Terreblanche was a white supremacist who made no qualms about his lack of love and respect for the black Africans and still believed in white supremacy and black oppression. How is it that the issue of self-defence is not taken serious?" said the statement.

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Zellers layoffs. Unionized workers hit Target office to deliver petition to execs

Unionized workers delivered a blistering attack on Target and corporations like it on Wednesday, at a protest in front of the company's new Canadian headquarters in Mississauga.

"We need to fight back against this corporate greed. We need to build a huge movement to take back this country for workers," said Motilall Sarjoo, president of the Mississauga Brampton Labour Council.

Sarjoo was addressing a crowd of about 120 people, including union members and leaders of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) and NDP MP Wayne Marston.

The group had gathered to deliver a petition to Target executives, asking them to re-

Let go

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spect the seniority and benefits of Zellers employees who are being laid off as Target takes over Zellers leases across Canada as part of a \$1.8-billion deal with HBC.

Target, a discount retailer based in Minneapolis, plans to open its first stores in the GTA in 2013.

Target has maintained that it has no responsibility towards the Zellers employees, because it bought only Zellers leases from HBC. Citing its status as a private company, HBC has repeatedly declined to comment.

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U.S. outbreak

West Nile cases four times higher for mid-August

The current West Nile outbreak is one of the largest in the U.S., with four times the usual number of cases for this time of year, federal health officials said Wednesday. So far, 1,118 illnesses have been reported, about half of them in Texas. In an average year, fewer than 300 cases are reported by mid-August. There have also been 41 deaths this year, Centers for Disease Control said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kenya

Nearly 50 killed in attack over land

Hundreds of farmers attacked a village, killing at least 48 people in south-eastern Kenya in an escalation of ongoing clashes between the farming and pastoral communities over land and resources, an official said Wednesday.

Some people were burned to death in their houses, while others were hacked to death or shot with arrows, said Tana River region police chief Joseph Kavoo.

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Japan PM, nuclear protesters remain far apart

Safety concerns. Despite meeting, weekly mass rallies likely to continue

Japan's prime minister met for the first time with leaders of weekly anti-nuclear protests Wednesday but rejected their demand that two recently restarted nuclear plants should be shut again.

Tens of thousands of people have been gathering every Friday night outside Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda's office compound to protest against nuclear power because of safety concerns set off by last year's Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear crisis.

The 11 protest leaders were allowed into the complex for the first time since they started chanting anti-nuclear slogans outside the tightly guarded building in April.

"When the majority of the general public opposed the restart, you forced it by trampling down on us. It was ridiculous and outrageous," protester Misao Redwolf told Noda as she sat across from him. "We will continue our protests as long as you keep ignoring our voices."

Noda initially called the demonstrations "big noise," triggering criticism. He promised the protesters on Wednesday he would listen to people's views and reflect

Protest plans

- The protesters said meeting the prime minister was not their goal and they'd continue to gather until their demands are met.

them in policy decisions. But he did not accept their demands that his government shut down two reactors that were restarted in July and keep the rest of the country's 48 reactors shuttered.

He has repeatedly insisted that nuclear plants need to be restarted to avoid power shortages that would impact Japan's economy.

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Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda, right, talks with leaders of the anti-nuclear protest in Tokyo on Wednesday.
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Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney, left, and CAW president Ken Lewenza shake hands at the CAW convention in Toronto on Wednesday. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Loonie not biggest issue facing exports: Carney

Manufacturing. Strong dollar explains only about 20 per cent of our poor export performance, Bank of Canada chief tells CAW

Don't look to the loonie as the biggest problem facing Canadian exports, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney said Wednesday in his first-ever public address to organized labour.

The central banker's speech to a gathering of the Canadian Auto Workers' union was not only Carney's maiden public address to a labour group, but also

the first time any Bank of Canada governor has made such an overture.

Carney addressed a persistent complaint of those who put the blame for weak exports squarely on the shoulders of the strong Canadian dollar. The manufacturing sector and auto industry have been particularly hard hit in recent years.

He noted Canada's export performance was the second-worst in the G20 over the last decade, with only nine per cent of exports going to fast-growing emerging markets such as China and India.

The structure of the Canadian economy, "unfortunately, is too north-south, not enough east-west in a global sense," Car-

Quoted

"The high-paying manufacturing jobs of the future will be in companies ... that are fully engaged in the global economy."

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney

ney said during a media conference after his speech.

While CAW president Ken Lewenza conceded that the dollar isn't the only factor affecting auto manufacturing, he maintained that the loonie is more significant than Carney suggested. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

StatsCan. Retail sales down in June, against economists' expectations

Retail sales in Canada fell in June, widely missing expectations of a small gain as increasingly cautious shoppers pulled back on a number of fronts and overnight trips to the U.S. hit a record high as higher duty-free exemptions kicked in.

Statistics Canada reported Wednesday that seasonally adjusted retail sales declined

Stateside shopping

1.9M

Canadians made a record 1.9 million overnight trips to the U.S. in June

0.4 per cent to \$38.7 billion in June from the month earlier, more than offsetting a gain in May and frustrating economists who had expected a 0.1 per cent increase.

The biggest declines were felt by retailers who sell general merchandise, gasoline, building materials and garden equipment.

"The surprise drop in June sales was broad-based, suggesting households are becoming a little more cautious, though cross-border shopping may have played a role as well," BMO Capital

Markets senior economist Benjamin Reitzes said in a commentary.

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John Mazerolle
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The worst thing about the potential for a cancelled NHL season is that it lays bare my pathetic addiction. I'm hopelessly hooked on a league that doesn't care how I feel.

Can't you spare a hit or two for a guy down on his luck, NHL?

As I write, labour talks are ongoing. So maybe by the time you read this both sides will have already had an action-movie style "Not partners — friends!" handshake and will soon be enjoying Coca-Cola atop a hillside in perfect harmony. Somehow I doubt it.

NHL fan hardship

And the NHL is the only league where the referees rediscover the rule book every 10 years or so, as if it were an old wedding album. "Wow, I forgot about this thing!" they say as they blow the dust off.

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But turning these labour disputes into some sort of twisted tradition is the cruellest cut of all.

There will be lots of detail-laden news articles — pity the poor reporters who chose sports so they wouldn't have to write phrases like 'collective bargaining' — but the facts don't really matter.

All we know is that Rich White Man No. 1 wants one thing and Rich White Man No. 2 wants another, and somewhere along the way somebody will say, "It's not about the money" and we'll laugh through our tears.

None of the players are using their sticks and jock straps to build makeshift bindles, and if the owners were to start living out of their vehicles they'd still be in nicer digs than my apartment. Catriona Le May Doan will not be walking among emaciated negotiators, asking us to donate. ("Some of them are so weak they haven't thrown a punch in months.")

Of course it's about the money.

What's worse, when my drug is back I will accept it without condition as soon as it's offered, like any true addict. The NHL's marketing campaign after the lost season could be "Welcome back, sucker!" and I'd say, "Awesome!"

And I won't even be able to give the NHL the middle finger, because my giant novelty hands don't bend that way.



I couldn't imagine living life without giant novelty hands.
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For flippin' sakes! It's weigh-in time



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Animal well-being

Animals weighed at annual check

It's time to find out which critter has been gorging.

Keepers at a London, U.K., zoo get out the scales for the annual animal weigh-in this week. Every one of the 16,000 or so animals, across 750 species, including penguins, meerkats, lions and owls, are put on the scales and measured, "to assess their health and behaviour," a spokesperson at the zoo says. **METRO**

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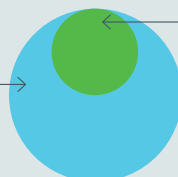
These pensive meerkats are certainly weighing in on London Zoo's annual animal audit. GETTY IMAGES



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Hanson all grown up and still going strong

Boy band rock on.

MMMBop creators to play a sold out show at Casino Nova Scotia Thursday night



BACKSTAGE PASS
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Whether you liked it or not, the mid-1990s music scene was flooded with the sweet serenades of boy bands. The Backstreet Boys had Nick Carter, and there was Justin Timberlake from NSync.

But in the battle of the musical "hook," the trophy goes to three blonde boys from Tulsa, Okla. — Hanson — for the smash-hit MMMBop.

"It's funny how boy band songs are perceived because it takes a lot to meld something into a great hook or something that's memorable," said Taylor Hanson, who along with his brothers Zac and Isaac, achieved the accomplishment when he was just 14.

"Our journey has been to make a statement of making the best possible record for us at that time but we've been doing it for 20 years now so we're getting better."

Now 29, (yes — and married with two kids) Taylor and his brothers continue to show staying power in the music industry. They are playing to a sold-out crowd Thursday night at The Schooner Room at Casino Nova Scotia.

Sure, it's nice to see that coulda-been one-hit-wonders continue to silence the skeptics — two Grammy nominations and over 16 million albums



Zac Hanson, Taylor Hanson, and Isaac Hanson of the band Hanson. GETTY IMAGES

sold should shut the critics up. It's even better to speak with an articulate, artistic adult whose creative passions go beyond his own wallet.

"(In 2006) we took a trip to Africa and we were so struck by how HIV and AIDS affects the life of the entire continent and you see yourself in these people," Taylor said.

"You realize so many of these issues can have solutions that individuals can play a role

Quoted

"Our album, The Walk, had a real strong thread of our time spent in Africa and the mission of looking at advocating for AIDS and poverty issues served as a reminder of the basics for us."

Taylor Hanson

in implementing."

Since 2008, the Hanson brothers' efforts inspired

Take The Walk, which has led to close to 200, one-mile barefoot walks to raise money

to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa. Partnering with the then lesser-known shoe company, TOM'S, the Hanson brothers' celebrity has helped bring attention to this important cause.

"The idea of barefoot is just to connect with poverty and creating a platform that connects people to AIDS/HIV and poverty in Africa empowers people to support specific actions," he said.

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Starz drama. Kelsey Grammer's political drama intensifies with health problems and rising competition

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Chicago is Mayor Tom Kane's town. Portrayed with a commanding ferocity and effortless charisma by Kelsey Grammer, Kane plays the politics game better than anyone, sacrificing family and friends to retain his power on the Starz drama *Boss*. That's despite suffering from the neurological disease Lewy body dementia, though his condition is worsening as Season 2 began last Friday.

"Tom has discovered there are gaps in his life that maybe he would like to fill in, or at least try to," Grammer says. "He realizes that he's not a fully realized human being and only has so many avenues to explore to actually make that different; one being his (estranged) daughter, and even his (emotionally detached) wife."

Despite delivering a withering onscreen stare that real-life Chicago cops have told Grammer "is just like Mayor Daley," and Kane's penchant for dirty deeds, the actor insists "there is some humanity available to us to be explored" in the mayor.

Of course, the newspaper editor looking to expose Kane's corruption may not think so — but that's what makes this peek at backroom politics so dangerously appealing.

Cast additions:



Kelsey Grammer stars in the Starz TV political drama *Boss*, which is currently in its second season. GETTY IMAGES

Meet the new players in the Chicago power scene working with Mayor Kane in Season 2.

Quoted

"Tom has discovered there are gaps in his life that maybe he would like to fill in ... He realizes that he's not a fully realized human being and only has so many avenues to explore"

Actor Kelsey Grammer on his lead role in the Starz political drama *Boss*.

Sanaa Lathan as Mona Fredricks: "Mona is a very smart, politically savvy woman who grew up on the south side of Chicago," Lathan says. "She grew up in a community that was very disenfranchised. She pursued politics to be an advocate for the people in that community. Kane is really the only one who can do something about (the redevelopment of the neighborhood), so when she has the opportunity to work with him, she takes it."

Jonathan Groff as Ian Todd: "Ian Todd is one of the new employees of Mayor Kane,"

explains Groff. "Very ambitious, very smart, but very green. (He is) trying to get as close to Mayor Kane as he possibly can ... (while) holding onto deep, dark secrets at the same time."

Tip "T.I." Harris as Trey Rogers: "Trey is a very ambitious young man who comes from a hostile, hazardous environment, but he has plans to (expand) his influence into politics," Harris says.

"He feels that he could do just as good of a job as they can, and he has an interesting approach to it."

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Canada's music fans flock to Twitter after surprising 'Chavril' announcement



Chad Kroeger RICK OSENTOSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



Avril Lavigne DAN STEINBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Celebrity union. Two of Canada's international music stars reveal engagement following six-month courtship

Nickelback frontman Chad Kroeger tells Hello! Canada magazine he fell for fellow rocker Avril Lavigne in Paris during work on her upcoming fifth studio album.

The Canadian music power duo shocked music fans and media outlets yesterday when they announced their engagement after an ultra-discreet six-month courtship.

In this week's issue of Hello! Canada, the two share their story and engagement photos, in which Lavigne is wearing a pear-shaped diamond ring.

Kroeger, who hails from Hanna, Alta., tells the magazine, "I knew I was falling for her. It was incredibly powerful and something I'll never forget."

The 37-year-old also says he feels "like the luckiest person alive."

The 27-year-old Lavigne of Napanee, Ont., says of Kroeger: "He makes me laugh every day. He takes care of me in every way and is extremely attentive."

News of their engagement has music fans abuzz on Twitter, where the two are trending with the hashtag #Chavril.

This will be the first marriage for Kroeger and the second for Lavigne, who filed for divorce from fellow Can-

uck rocker Deryck Whibley of Sum 41 in 2009 after three years of marriage.

Nickelback — which also includes Kroeger's brother, Mike, on bass, guitarist Ryan Peake and drummer Daniel Adair — was named group of the decade by Billboard magazine.

Their 2001 breakthrough hit How You Remind Me was the decade's top rock song, and their bestselling album is 2005's All the Right Reasons.

Lavigne got her breakthrough as a teen in 2002 with her debut album Let Go and the hit single, Complicated.

Despite Nickelback's monster popularity, the group also has a reputation as one of the most hated bands in music.

Last year, after they were invited to play at a Detroit Lions football game, an online petition protesting the performance drew more than 55,000 signatures.

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Twitter reactions

- Francois Marchand @FMarchandVS There's only one way this #Chavril wedding can happen: Grey Cup halftime show. With pyro.
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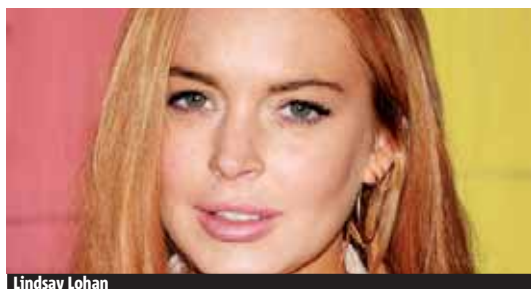


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J.Lo to get Vegas show?

Jennifer Lopez may be the next music luminary to take up residence in Las Vegas with a long-running show, according to Hollyscoop.

The entertainment company Live Nation has reportedly approached Lopez about a long-term engagement, and her rep concedes it's not out of the question, telling the website, "It could very well be possible."



Lindsay Lohan

This time it's not her fault

Lindsay Lohan was reportedly questioned by police after jewelry went missing from a Hollywood Hills home where the troubled actress had spent the night, according to TMZ.

Lohan was reportedly among several guests who stayed overnight after a

small party at the home Sunday night. The next morning, the house's owner claimed expensive jewelry had been stolen and called the police. Sources say Lohan was very co-operative with police but maintained that she had nothing to do with any theft.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word



Prince Harry parties like a professional

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Prince Harry is learning the hard way that "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" doesn't apply to drunk, naked members of the Royal Family.

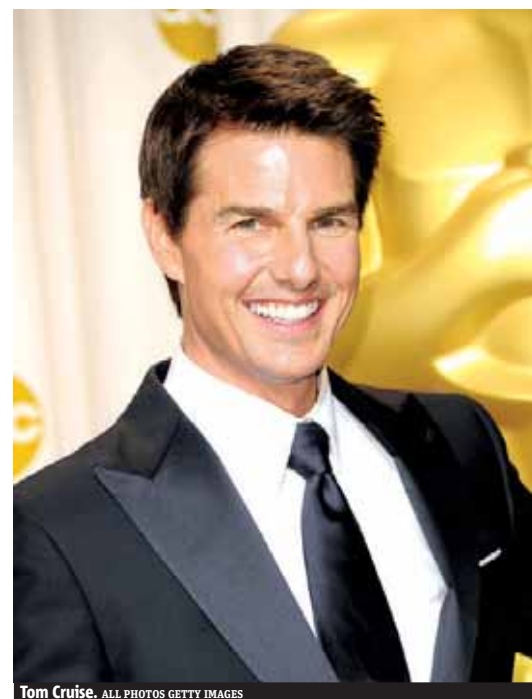
Harry, you see, had a way better weekend than the rest of us. After spending Friday afternoon poolside, Harry and friends stopped by the bar of the MGM Grand, where they met some girls — with cameraphones — who were, in fact, interested

in partying upstairs with a prince.

According to TMZ, it was a game of "strip pool" that led to the photos of Harry — completely naked except for a necklace and wonderfully awkward tan lines — hugging an equally naked girl from behind and holding his crotch. Harry stuck around Las Vegas long enough to challenge Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte to a race through a pool full of girls in bikinis (he lost, in some very vague sense of the word), but was quickly summoned back to Buckingham Palace when the photos went viral.

Now, we don't envy having to explain the rules of strip pool to Queen Elizabeth.

But all in all, we'd say his weekend was well worth the international hangover.



Tom Cruise. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

It's official

Tom Cruise's five-year marriage to Katie Holmes is officially over after a New York judge signed off on the divorce settlement earlier this week, according to E! News.

Completed in a remarkably short amount of time, the finalization comes just

a month and a half after Holmes initially filed for divorce from Cruise.

"Tom is very happy and relieved that he is moving forward," a source says.

"His priority is being a good father, and this settlement will make sure that continues."

More car trouble for Amanda Bynes

Amanda Bynes was reportedly involved in yet another car accident, but this time it looks like it wasn't her fault.

According to TMZ, Bynes' rental car was rear-ended by another driver Monday night, though the other driver reportedly claims they did not have enough time to

react and avoid a crash after Bynes made a reckless move.

"The collision was minor and information was exchanged, therefore, no police report was taken," a law enforcement official tells the website. Bynes was driving a rental car because her BMW is still being repaired from her last fender-bender.

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Gold makes an Olympic comeback

If, like us, you're still reeling from post-Olympic depression (POD), then take solace in these golden wonders.

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Striding out: The best of the British fashion industry's talent at the London Olympic Closing Ceremony. GETTY IMAGES



Perfect poise: Lily Donaldson wears Vivienne Westwood. GETTY IMAGES



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Delicate power: Lily Cole in a lace and brocade Erdem dress. GETTY IMAGES

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Finding the perfect space to call home is one of the many stresses of heading back to college.

Thankfully, there are more resources than ever to help you find great deals and build a place to make your own.

Using online classifieds like kijiji.ca makes it easy to find new and gently used items to make the space feel like home.

By applying common sense and some simple design tricks you can create a unique space

on a student budget:

Find the perfect piece

Unique finds start with unique keywords so searching online classifieds using words like "vintage" almost always does the trick. Furniture from the '50s to the '70s is on trend right now and vintage pieces like tables and chairs are stylish and surprisingly affordable. Think outside the box with art as well; do something different like hanging a small, patterned rug on your wall (it also acts as a sound barrier).

Practice smart space-saving

Organization is the key to making a small space look amazing.

When searching for shelves and other storage items, don't forget to think vertical. A tall bookcase or some strategically placed hooks make it easy to clear the clutter from your floors.

And, get creative with stor-

age solutions. For example, repurpose old family heirlooms like a great big steamer trunk or vintage luggage.

Customize with colour and shape

Show off your personality with unique décor items in bold colours and shapes.

Tangerines and oranges are everywhere right now. To offset the colourful furniture, stay consistent with your basic colours and keep your walls monochromatic.

Don't forget that if you love the shape of a piece of furniture, you can always change the colour with an expensive coat of paint.

Updating is uber-easy

Small changes can have a big impact, especially if you're moving into an old space. Look to add a new pop of colour by simply swapping out accent pillows and small décor items each year.

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Still in search of the perfect bed?

You did a segment on the components of a perfect bed, but I can't find the article. Could you please tell me what the components are, and recommend a good bedding store that has all of it and a wide enough selection, so that men don't feel or think that "feminine patterns" are only available? Thanks, Terry.



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Hello Terry,

First, let's start with a wonderful luxurious bed making "recipe". As a Butler this is what we would use for all of our special guests at the house.

Once you try this, you will wonder how you ever slept without it. As a man, you may wish to consider going with all-white sheets or a masculine colour that matches your bedroom. White sheets are easier to wash and remove stains, and patterned and colour sheets will fade over time.

Pillows (as per the size of bed

and how many you like)

Top Sheet: (Second flat sheet that is used to cover the blanket)

Blanket: (Wool or other)

Flat Sheet: (This is the 1st flat sheet)

Fitted Sheet

Feather Bed: (My all time favourite) or a Wool Rest

Mattress pad protector

Mattress: (regular)

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In addition, a good feather down, with a duvet cover made of the same sheet fabric is ideal.

It is difficult to buy all of these items in one place,



How did I ever sleep without the perfect bed recipe? ISTOCK IMAGES

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Pizza without those pesky delivery costs

Melissa d'Arabian is a home economist for a new era. Actually, she's more of a chief financial officer.

That's because the Food Network host is as adept at balancing ledger sheets as she is at getting dinner on the table.

It's a handy skill that comes with being a trained financial strategist, and turned out to be an unlikely backbone for her culinary career.

Her basic message to thrifty home cooks? Stretch your food dollars by treating your kitchen in terms of profit and loss. "As the manager of a household you're actually running a fairly complicated business," she says. "There are simple lessons we can take from the business world and apply to our homes."

Forecasting

Successful businesses project what their upcoming costs and revenues will be. A "rapid review" of a month's worth of grocery receipts will give the home cook an idea of what's being spent, d'Arabian says.

Once you have that number, figure out how much you'd like to save per month then do some quick menu planning.

"Glance around and see what needs to be used up,"

Ingredients

Start to finish: 45 minutes

- 1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for dough
- 1-lb bag pizza dough
- 1 large very ripe tomato, cored and chopped
- 1 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp kosher salt
- 6 fresh basil leaves, torn
- 4 oz fresh mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced and quartered
- 2 cups arugula or other baby greens

Tomato-Salad Topped Grilled Pizza



This recipe serves four. THE CANADIAN PRESS

she says. Then buy only what you need to fill out the meals already lurking in your pantry."

Marketing

You have to promote dinner to your kids? "You don't have to, but you'll be a lot more successful if you do," d'Arabian says.

In the d'Arabian household, a different child "presents" the meal each night, explaining each dish in detail — what's in it, where it's from, how it's made. "The act of presenting the food takes the mystery out of it for picky eaters," she says.

Here is d'Arabian's recipe for a pizza you make on the grill.

1. Rub a bit of olive oil onto cutting board, place pizza dough on it, turning to coat lightly on all sides with oil. Cover with a kitchen towel and let rest for 30 minutes.

2. After dough has rested, heat one side of grill to medium-high and other side to medium-low. In bowl, combine tomato, balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, salt, basil and 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Toss well, then set aside.

Cookbook of the Week

Kitchen dollars and sense



Melissa d'Arabian, host of Food Network's Ten Dollar Dinners, makes good on the \$10 promise of dinner for four in her debut cookbook.

Ten Dollar Dinners has 140 recipes, more than 100 practical money-saving tips and ways to get ingredients to last longer.

Her Potato-Bacon Torte shows how inexpensive supermarket ingredients can be turned into a satisfying dish. Her Roasted Vegetable Tian is a great way to take advantage of deals in the produce aisle. The Four-Step Chicken Piccata offers a plan for getting food on the table in just minutes, using almost anything in the pantry. METRO

3. Using rolling pin, roll out dough into circle about 14 inches across. Use cutting board to carry dough out to grill. Place the dough on hot side of the grill and grill until bottom is browned and has grill marks, about 1 to 2 minutes. Use spatula to flip dough and move it to the cooler side of the grill.

4. Top pizza with mozzarella, then cover grill and cook until the cheese is melted, about 2 minutes. Use spatula to transfer the pizza back to cutting board. Cut pizza into slices, then top evenly with the arugula. Using a slotted spoon, top the pizza with the tomatoes. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ RECIPE FROM D'ARABIAN'S TEN DOLLAR DINNERS, CLARKSON POTTER, 2012

Curried Peas with Cream. Give meat a flavour kick

Frozen peas are a fantastic freezer staple. You can elevate them quickly to a higher level with a little

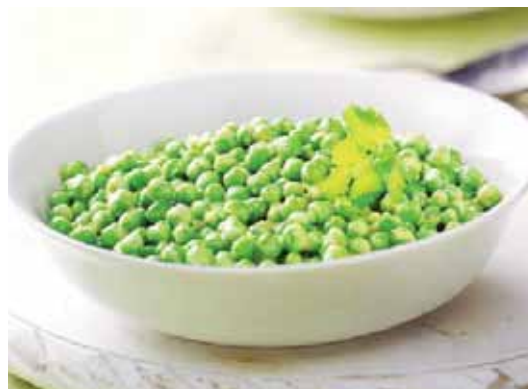
Ingredients

- 500 ml (2 cups) frozen peas
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) butter
- 5 ml (1 tsp) minced garlic and ginger root
- 10 ml (2 tsp) Madras curry paste
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) 35 per cent whipping cream
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) salt
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) pepper

curry and cream. This combination adds a sophisticated kick to a variety of main courses from grilled meats, poultry and fish to roasted Sunday dinners.

1. In a small saucepan, bring 125 ml (1/2 cup) water to a boil. Add peas and simmer for 2 minutes. Strain and set aside.

2. Just before you are ready to eat, heat butter in the same saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic and ginger and sauté for 30 seconds. Add curry paste



and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds or until fragrant. Add cream and simmer, stirring, for 2 to 3 minutes or until paste is incorporated and cream thickens slightly.

3. Return peas to the pan and season with salt and pepper. Stir to coat and serve immediately.

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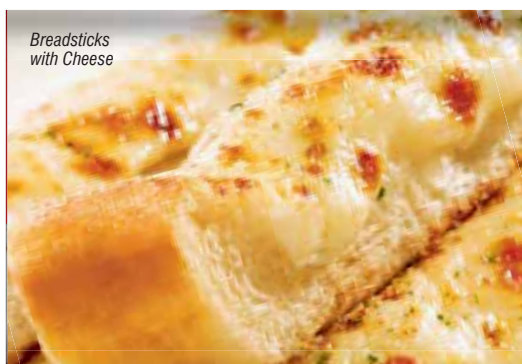
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Former NBA champ to coach Rainmen

The Halifax Rainmen have a new head coach who won two NBA championships as a teammate of Michael Jordan's with the Chicago Bulls in the 1990s.

Cliff Levingston, a veteran of 830 NBA games who captured titles in 1991 and 1992, was named the Rainmen's new head coach on Wednesday. He takes over for Josep (Pep) Claros, who decided late last month not to return.

Levingston is a cousin of Rainmen owner Andre Levingston.

"When you played or coached at the top of the food chain, (players) come in with a certain level of respect for you right out of the gate," Andre Levingston said. "On top of his

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"We feel he can be a guy who can give us an opportunity to compete for a championship."

Halifax Rainmen owner Andre Levingston on new head coach Cliff Levingston

experience and knowledge for the game, I've heard nothing but good things with regard to his coaching style and philosophy."

Cliff Levingston, a 51-year-old from San Diego, averaged 7.1 points and 5.2 rebounds in 11 NBA seasons with the Bulls, Detroit Pistons, Atlanta Hawks and Denver Nuggets.

He retired in 1995 and

began his coaching career in 2000, and has held jobs in Europe as well as in North American circuits such as the Continental Basketball Association, American Basketball Association and United States Basketball League.

The Rainmen, who went 23-13 last season and lost in the National Basketball League of Canada final, hope Cliff Levingston can help them take the next step.

"We feel he can be a guy who can give us an opportunity to compete for a championship," Andre Levingston said.

The Rainmen open the season on the road against the London Lightning on Nov. 3.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO



Two-time NBA champion Cliff Levingston will be the new head coach of the Halifax Rainmen. GETTY IMAGES

Better late than never for Mooseheads' Gazzola



Mooseheads defenceman Randy Gazzola at practice on Wednesday at Cole Harbour Place. JEFF HARPER/METRO

QMJHL. Turning 19, Ontario defenceman hopes to make major junior debut



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Randy Gazzola doesn't hide from the fact he's a little old to have never played a game of major junior hockey.

But with his 19th birthday just a few weeks away, the defenceman from Thorold, Ont., figures it's better late than never to be vying for a job with the Halifax Mooseheads after his pursuit of a U.S. college hockey career fell through.

"When college didn't happen, I figured, you know what? I'm going to give major junior a shot," said Gazzola, who the Mooseheads picked up last month as a free agent. "I know it's a little bit late, but why not try it? I'm really happy with that decision."

Gazzola said he could have been playing major junior two years ago, but turned down an offer to play in the Ontario Hockey League with the Sarnia Sting at age 17 because he wanted to pursue the NCAA. He played junior B in 2010-11 for his hometown Thorold Blackhawks and moved to the junior A level with the Trenton Golden Hawks last season.

That's where he caught the attention of Mooseheads scouts, breaking out and averaging a point per game with eight goals and 33 assists for 41 points in 41 games.

"He's a big kid who has a really good stick defensively," said Mooseheads head coach

Dominique Ducharme. "He's smart on the ice, he knows what's around him, and he's got good vision with the puck. He's really good at making that first pass and he has a hard and heavy shot."

Since the end of last season, the Mooseheads have been looking for skill and puck-moving ability on defence. At six-foot-three and 201 pounds, the right-shooting Gazzola will provide it along with Konrad Abeltshauser and Mac Weegar.

"The Mooseheads have some top-end forwards and my job as a defenceman is to get the puck to them," Gazzola said. "If they can get a good pass and get going to create some offence, it will be good for me to contribute to the team that way as long as I'm playing good solid defence."

Gazzola has all but locked up a roster spot, but the more interesting battle is the one for ice time with at least five defencemen returning from last season. Regardless of how that plays out, Gazzola is excited for what lies ahead on a team expected to contend.

"They're going for the Mem Cup," he said. "I'd love to be a part of it and whatever I can do, whatever the coach wants me to do, that's why I'm here."

Randy Gazzola

- An 18-year-old defenceman from Thorold, Ont.
- Listed at 6-3, 201 pounds.
- Tallied 41 points (8G, 33A) in 41 games with the Trenton Golden Hawks (junior A) last season.

Mobile sports



Rory McIlroy says he reveres and respects Tiger Woods' amazing list of accomplishments. But the PGA champion would still "love Tiger to go out first and kick his (behind)" when they pair up at The Barclays this week to kick off the PGA Tour playoffs. Scan the code for the story.

NHL negotiations go dark for a day

NHL. Labour talks put on hold as league, players decide 'how to move the process forward in the best way possible'

NHL collective bargaining talks were cancelled Wednesday after top executives from the league and players' union held an impromptu morning meeting to discuss the status of the negotiations.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly spent about two hours with players' association executive director Donald Fehr and his brother Steve Fehr, the union's No. 2 man.

"I think more than anything else it was to review where we are in the process, where we've come from, where we are with the various proposals and to determine how to move the process forward in the best way possible — hoping and understanding that both sides are committed to using the time left to making a deal as quickly as possible," Daly told The Canadian Press in an interview.

The clock is ticking. The current collective agreement is set to expire Sept. 15 when the NHL says it will lock out the players if a new deal hasn't been reached.

Formal talks between the



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman, left, and deputy commissioner Bill Daly leave NHLPA offices on Wednesday in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

two sides were slated to resume at 1 p.m. Wednesday but were instead postponed until Thursday morning.

NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr said he didn't "know what's going to happen for sure (on Thursday)."

"You get up in the morning and you try and work that day to see if you can make progress," he added. "If you don't find an agreement that way you do it again the next day and you keep doing it until you find a way."

There is a significant gap between the two sides' proposals.

The union put forth an offer last week that includes a smaller percentage of revenues for players over the next three seasons in exchange for an

Further issues

Beyond the monetary issue at the heart of talks, each side has prioritized a secondary cause.

- The NHLPA has made it clear that it would like to see an increase in revenue sharing and proposed the creation of an industry growth fund that would see \$100 million

contributed each year for struggling teams.

- The NHL is largely happy with the current economic system, but has made no secret of the fact it would like to see the end to heavily front-loaded, long-term contracts.

expanded revenue sharing program to help struggling teams. The NHLPA estimated that players would be giving up \$465 million US in salaries if the league continued on its pace of seven per cent growth each season.

The league's proposal called for a 24 per cent decrease in player salaries — accomplished by lowering the union's share of revenue — while introducing new contract restrictions, including a five-year cap on contracts. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

MLB. Blue Jays continue to struggle at the plate in 3-2 loss to Tigers

This is what the Toronto Blue Jays have apparently been reduced to: 45-year-old Omar Vizquel trying to steal second in the ninth inning of a one-run game.

Vizquel was caught by Alex Avila's strong throw for the final out Wednesday night, and the Blue Jays lost 3-2 to the Detroit Tigers. Toronto has scored three or fewer runs in six straight games.

In fairness, Vizquel had been successful on his other three steal attempts this year — and Detroit closer Jose Valverde doesn't hold runners well. But right now, it seems as though nothing is going right offensively for the Blue Jays.

"We're struggling to score runs, so we're trying to manufacture something with two outs," manager John Farrell said. "Valverde has a slow release, so we were going to go after him even with medium-speed runners. We're trying to force Avila into making a perfect throw, and he did. You just tip your cap on that one."

Detroit's Anibal Sanchez (2-3) allowed one earned run and five hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out six and walked two, leaving with the tying run on third base.

Detroit's bullpen closed it out with Valverde pitching the ninth for his 25th save in 29 chances.

Around the bases

- Toronto first baseman David Cooper left in the sixth with a jammed neck. He is day-to-day.
- Laffey pitched three hitless innings to start the game. He's holding hitters to a .176 average the first time through the order.
- Toronto's Colby Rasmus went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts. He's in an 0-for-26 slump.
- Detroit's Justin Verlander (12-7) starts Thursday against Toronto's J.A. Happ (2-1).

Aaron Laffey (3-5) allowed two earned runs and five hits in six-plus innings. He walked three and struck out two.

"I've been working really hard on keeping my arm high and getting on top of my sinker, and it absolutely paid off today," Laffey said. "I felt really good out there."

The Blue Jays are still without slugger Jose Bautista, who has been out since mid-July with a left wrist injury. He's expected to rejoin the team Friday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

MLB

A's Colon latest to be banned for testosterone

Former Cy Young Award winner Bartolo Colon of the Oakland Athletics was suspended for 50 games Wednesday after testing positive for testosterone.

Major League Baseball



Bartolo Colon
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made the announcement one week after all-star game MVP Melky Cabrera of the San Francisco Giants was suspended 50 games for a positive test for the same substance.

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"I'm all in favour of spending as much time as possible trying to bridge those gaps."

Bill Daly, NHL's deputy commissioner



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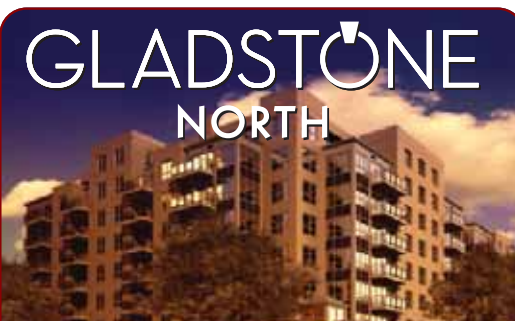
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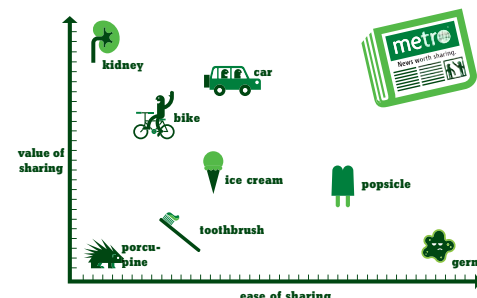
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You seem so relaxed at the moment that others may think you no longer care, but that isn't true. Find ways to let loved ones know you are still there for them, even when your head is miles away.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

As Mars moves into the partnership area of your chart a lot of excitement will be generated in one-to-one situations. It will amuse (and delight) you when you realize so many people want to get close to you.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may find yourself at odds with people you work with today. No matter how much pressure they put on you to back down, you must not give in. You are right and they are wrong. It's just that simple.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Don't wait for other people to make the first move. Make it yourself and leave those you live, work and do business with in no doubt that you've got your act together. It's time to get serious about your ambitions.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

As Mars moves into one of the more sensitive areas of your chart today, you will be forced to confront people who have been giving you a hard time. Be direct, but listen to their side of the story as well.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

After a long period of being held back, you are at last free to pursue what interests you — regardless of what others might think or how much it might cost. Go a little crazy today. You owe it to yourself.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't waste your time on trivial issues. Now that energy planet Mars is leaving your sign, you have to get serious about how to make best use of your resources. They're not unlimited, you know.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Over the next few days, you will find that many more things go well for you, including those things you thought you would never master. Mars in your sign gives you the kick you need to be more active and ambitious.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You won't be quite so relaxed and easygoing today and tomorrow. Mars in the most sensitive area of your chart means you'll tend to see the negative more than the positive. Maybe, in the short-term, that's no bad thing.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

What you do for others today will come back to you in some form in the very near future. Go out of your way to help people in need, and your own needs will be taken care of too.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you are planning a trip of some kind, you could hardly pick a better time because with Mars on your side you will head straight for your destination and won't allow anything to get in your way. Drive safely. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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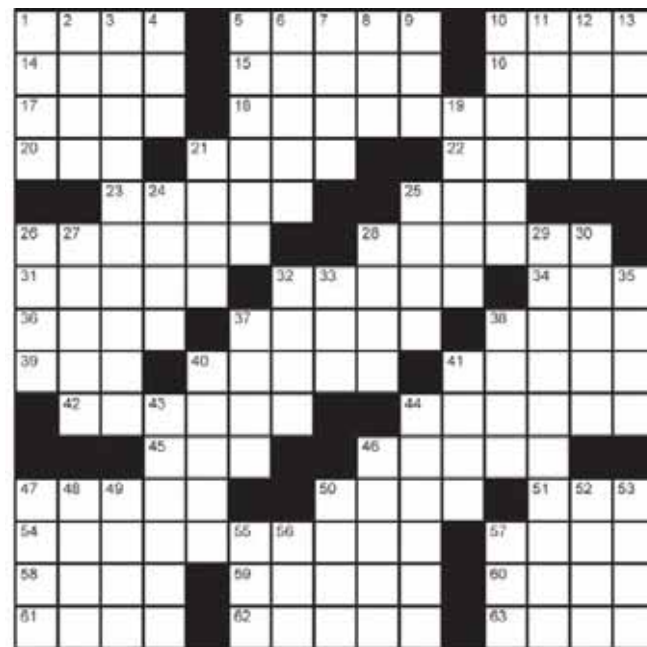
Across

1. Best baccarat hand
5. Mark sale items, perhaps
10. Go for a dip
14. "I have ____ good authority" (2 wds.)
15. British noblemen
16. Cantina fare
17. Ontario-born *Scream* star Campbell
18. Ontario, Erie, et al. (2 wds.)
20. Simon and Garfunkel's "I ____ Rock" (2 wds.)
21. Place for a 34-Across
22. Computer warning
23. Italian town in which the *Quantum of Solace* horserace takes place (anagram of ANISE)
25. CBS forensic drama
26. 7-Up nickname
28. Destination in a two-part route (2 wds.)
31. Blackened, as a chimney
32. Reeked
34. Canadiens member, familiarly
36. Blues songstress James
37. Table positions
38. DNA carrier
39. Batter's stat
40. Appears
41. Particular strength
42. Jabbered
44. It's a party in the UK
45. Chips accompaniment
46. Battlefield doctor
47. Days-old
50. Deceptive manoeuvre
51. Drum set
54. They handle our mail (2 wds.)

57. Opera set on the Nile
58. Neural transmitter
59. Actress Zellweger
60. Clairvoyant one
61. Circle
62. Ebenezer Scrooge, for one
63. "Hey, buddy"

Down

1. La ____: El Niño counterpart, an ocean phenomenon that affects weather
2. List part
3. Maritime Province (2 wds.)
4. WSW opposite
5. Saskatchewan capital
6. ____ living: work for wages (2 wds.)
7. *Enterprise* journey
8. Chicken ____ king (2 wds.)
9. Canada's national levy, for short
10. Former Soviet leader Joseph
11. Arouse from sleep
12. "Happy birthday" writer, perhaps
13. A majority
19. Cornea-reshaping surgery
21. Have faith in, with "on"
24. Tiny amount
25. Bamboozles
26. One with a computer
27. "____ a long shot!": "No way!" (2 wds.)
28. Affectionate taps
29. They form the Alberta-BC border (2 wds.)
30. Central and southern



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African people

32. Bird food
33. Scotsman's cap
35. Molson's, say
37. Ooze
38. Mongolian desert
40. Schussed
41. Become dim
43. Edmonton-born pop and country singer-songwriter and occasional actress who renders her

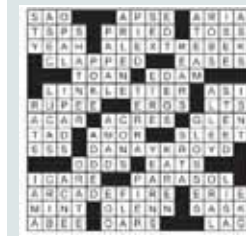
name in lowercase letters (2 — 37 — wds.)

44. PM Pearson
46. Museum: Fr.
47. Wound result, sometimes
48. Cab
49. Before much longer, poetically
50. Hollywood's Howard and Perlman
52. "Beware the ____ of

March"

53. Fruit pastry
55. Elbow's locale
56. Maritime Prov.
57. African cobra

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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7	4	1	5	3	9	2	6	8
3	9	4	6	8	5	1	7	2
2	5	7	9	1	3	4	8	6
8	1	6	4	2	7	5	9	3
4	6	8	2	9	1	7	3	5
9	7	3	8	5	4	6	2	1
1	2	5	3	7	6	8	4	9

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